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# Homeland Security Master's Degrees Awarded to 26 at Naval Postgraduate School

Monterey CA - September 2014

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The Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) awarded a Master of Arts in Security Studies to 26 professionals during a September 26 ceremony.

The graduates comprise professionals from law enforcement, fire services, homeland security, and the military (please see attached list). The first degree in the nation of its kind, CHDS provides a cutting-edge, multi-disciplinary curriculum in its 18-month master's degree program. Graduates are required to write theses pertinent to their employing agencies.

"These graduates bring great credit to themselves and their professions. They will join the expanding network of homeland security leaders who are shaping the future of our nation," CHDS Director Glen Woodbury said.

Three students were honored for exceptional work during the program:

- Jessica Kirschbraun, Attorney, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Los Alamitos, California, earned the Outstanding Thesis award for her thesis, "Farewell to Arms: A Plan for Evaluating the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force and Its Alternatives." Theses were evaluated on: overall academic rigor; quality of the literature review; impact of the study on homeland security strategy and future research implications; quality of analysis and conclusions; quality of organization, writing and overall presentation of thesis.
- Jamison Moody, Intelligence Officer, Department of Homeland Security, Office of Intelligence & Analysis, Sandy, Utah, earned the Philip Zimbardo Award. This award honors a student who demonstrates the best understanding of the psychological aspects of terrorism and whose performance in the master's program embodies the highest levels of academic achievement. The honor is named after Stanford University psychologist and professor emeritus Philip Zimbardo, who also formerly taught at CHDS.

- Sylvia Moir, Chief, El Cerrito (California) Police Department, earned the Curtis H. "Butch" Straub Award, which is based on grades, thesis and classroom leadership. The honor is in memory of one of CHDS' founders.

In addition to its Master's Degree, the Center offers graduate-style education through its Executive Education Seminars, Executive Leaders Program, Pacific Executive Leaders Program and the Fusion Center Leaders Program. Through the CHDS University and Agency Partnership Initiative (UAPI), the Center shares curriculum and promotes faculty development in the homeland security field at more than 300 institutions nationwide. The CHDS is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), National Preparedness Directorate, within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

## Center for Homeland Defense and Security

### Master of Arts, Security Studies

- Mark Arezzi, Lieutenant, Fire Department of New York
- Devon Bell, Undersheriff, Placer County (California) Sheriff's Department
- Lisa Chervon, Region III EMS Administrator, Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems. Baltimore, Maryland
- Timothy Coyle, Detective Sergeant, New Jersey State Police, West Trenton, New Jersey
- Tom Davis, Captain/Commander, Snohomish County (Washington) Sheriff's Office
- Martha Ellis, Division Chief/Fire Marshal, Salt Lake City (Utah) Fire Department



CHDS Masters Degree Graduates

ADD TAGS

- Kevin Ettrich, J3 - Civil Support - Strategic Plans, New York Division of Military & Naval Affairs, Latham, New York
- William Fitzpatrick, Lieutenant, Gwinnett County (Georgia) Police Department
- Michael Johnson, First Lieutenant, First Lieutenant, Michigan State Police, Lansing, Michigan
- George Johnstone, Division Commander, Lieutenant, La Habra (California) Police Department
- Robert Kierstead Assistant Special Agent in Charge-Seattle Field Office, U.S. Secret Service, Seattle, Washington
- Jessica Kirschbraun, Attorney, California Emergency Management Agency, Los Alamitos, California
- Paul Liquorie Lieutenant, Montgomery County (Maryland) Police Department
- Sylvia Moir, Chief, El Cerrito (California) Police Department
- Jamison Moody Intelligence Officer, Department of Homeland Security, Office of Intelligence & Analysis, Sandy, Utah
- Brian Murphy, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Secret Service, Baltimore, Maryland
- Vincent Noce, Staff Officer, Mississippi Office of Homeland Security, Jackson, Mississippi
- Jeffrey Payne, Assistant Chief, Dayton (Ohio) Fire Department
- Charles Perino, Emergency Management Planning professional, Lyons, Oregon
- Abigail (Abby) Sanford, Special Assistant, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, San Francisco, California
- Carl Simpson Executive Director Denver 911, Emergency Communications, Denver, Colorado
- Matthew Speer, Intelligence Operations Specialist, DHS Headquarters, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Sioux Falls South Dakota
- Robert Suarez, Lieutenant, Des Moines (Iowa) Fire Department
- Todd Taylor, Captain / Division Commander, Virginia State Police, Culpeper, Virginia
- Thomas Walsh, Battalion Chief, Seattle Fire Department
- Wendy Wenke, Deputy Director, Joint Staff/ Vice Wing Commander, JFHQ-AK & 168ARW, Eielson AFB, Alaska